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Applicants: Markus Haller et al. Examiner: B. Prieto

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE PROGRAMMING OF AN

IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The instant Response is lodged in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 24 August 2006 which set a one -month period for reply expiring on 24 September 2006. This Response is tendered in advance of the expiration of said period for reply.

In the Notice, it was noted that claim 29 included an improper status identifier (i.e., it was listed as "previously presented" but in fact a minor amendment was presented so it should have been listed as - - currently amended - -). Herein the claim section is re-presented with proper status identifiers for all claims (of course, including claim 29).

Please enter this Response in the above-identified application.